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Applicant(s): Chalmer KIRKBRIDE, *et al.*

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CONVERTING OIL SHALE OR TAR SANDS TO OIL

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 22, 2004, Applicants submit this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. A Petition And Fee For Extension Of Time is filed concurrently herewith, extending the period for response to May 23, 2005 (May 22, 2005, being a Sunday). Thus, this amendment is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is concurrently filed with this Amendment. Applicants note for the Examiner's convenience:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper,

**Listing of Claims** begin on Page 19 of this paper,

**Remarks** begin on Page 29 of this paper, and

**Deposit Account Authorization** is provided on page 35 of this paper.